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C O N F I D E N T I A L ANTANANARIVO 1637

E. O. 11652 GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MA, US

SUBJ: CORRESPONDENT'S TRIP TO ANTANANARIVO

REF: ANT 1615

1. I HAVE LEARNED THAT ON SEPTEMBER 2, THE NIGHT BEFORE SYLVANA FOA LEFT MADAGASCAR, SHE WAS GUEST OF HONOR ATA DINNGER GIVEN BY PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA'S DEPUTY SPECIAL ASSISTANT RADOEDY, WHO HAD ARRANGED APPOINTMENT PRESIDENT. ALSO PRESENT WERE PRESIDENTIAL SPECIAL ASSISTANT SOLOFOSON AND GOVERNOR OF NATIONAL BANK RAJAOBELINA, WHO HAS SPENT TIME IN US WITH IBRD. PURPOSE OF DINNER WAS APPARENTLY TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON RATSIRAKA'S DIATRIBE AGAINST US AND TO CONVINCE FOA OF US RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOW STATE OF US/DRM (DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF MADAGASCAR) RELATIONS.ACCORDING TO AMERICAN EMPLOYEE OF UNDP, A FORMER ACQUAINTANCE OF FOA'S TO WHOM SHE SPOKE BRIEFLY AT DEPARTURE FOR AIRPORT THE NEXT MORNING, THE MALAGASY
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PRESENT HAMMERED AWAY AT HER UNTIL THREE IN THE MORNING. SHE SAID SHE HAD LITTLE DIFFICULTY DEALING WITH THEM, FOR THEIR REASONING WAS SIMPLISTIC AND THEY WERE NOT WELL INFORMED. AS SHE PUT IT, SHE SIMPLY "OUTLEFTED" THEM. SAMPLE: "I DON'T THINK TOO MUCH OF YOUR REVOLUTION. AFTER FIVE YEARS THERE ARE STILL BEGGARS IN THE STREETS." WHEN THEY TOLD HER AMERICAN PEOPLE WOULD FORCE PRESIDENT

CARTER TO GET OUT OF DIEGO GARCIA TO LIVE UP TO HIS
CAMPAIGN PROMISES, SHE REPLIED THAT AMERICAN PEOPLE COULD
NOT CARE LESS ABOUT DIEGO GARCIA, AS MOST DID NOT KNOW
WHERE IT WAS OR THOUGHT IT WAS A CIGAR. I HAVE NO DOUBT
THAT FOA WAS ABLE TO HANDLE THEM IN THIS FASHION.

2. THIS INCIDENT REINFORCES IMPRESSION THAT I WAS
PREVIOUSLY DEVELOPING THAT TREATMENT OF FOA BY RATSIRAKA
WAS DELIBERATE AND INTENDED TO ESTABLISH AN INTRANSIENT
INITIAL POSTURE VIS-A-VIS THE US, POSSIBLY ANTICIPATING
DEALINGS WITH US ON OUR BILATERAL PROBLEMS. SHE HAD SUBMITTED
LIST OF SUBJECTS SHE WISHED TO DISCUSS THE DAY
BEFORE HER INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT, SO HE HAD TIME TO
PREPARE FOR INTERVIEW. AND SOLOFOSON, ON JULY 4 AND
RECENTLY AT A SOCIAL OCCASION, TOLD ME HE WOULD BE GETTING
IN TOUCH WITH ME. WE SHALL SEE. BARRETT

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